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BNA article on OMB returning rules includes the U&O draft FIP:

The Trump White House halted a pair of Clean Air Act rules that failed to clear review before the end of the Obama administration as a regulatory freeze takes effect.

The regulations, which were withdrawn from the White House Office of Management and Budget Jan. 23, address emissions standards for grain elevators and pollution controls on ozone precursor emissions from oil and gas operations on tribal lands in Utah. OMB review is typically

the final step before major proposed and final regulations are signed and released to the public.

The decision to pull the Obama-era rules from consideration is consistent with the regulatory freeze imposed on Trump's first day in office. White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, in a memorandum issued Jan. 20, directed departments and agencies to withdraw any regulations set for publication in the Federal Register pending review by a Trump appointee and delay the effective date of already-published rules that have not yet gone into effect.

The grain elevator standards, proposed in 2014 but not sent to OMB for review until late October 2016, would have been the first update in 33 years to federal emissions requirements for new and modified grain elevators. A coalition of agricultural organizations including the Corn Refiners Association and the USA Rice Federation, voiced opposition to the Obama's EPA's proposal (RIN:2060-AP06) to set new limits on particulate matter pollution from grain elevators.

The oil and gas rule (RIN:2008-AA02), which was only at the proposal stage, aimed to set federal requirements for curbing emissions of volatile organic compounds from oil and gas operations within the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation. The Uinta Basin faces unique wintertime ozone issues so severe that the area is unlikely to meet the 2015 ozone standards of 70 parts per billion. If the basin were to be labeled as a nonattainment area by the EPA, it would then be likely to lead regulators to seek emissions reductions from oil and gas operations in the area.

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